

3 Easy Steps to Apply

Step 1. Scan & Sign Up

Scan the QR code to fill out the [2026 Peralta Summer Institute Interest and Opportunity Selection Form](#). This tells us you want to enroll in an opportunity in this brochure! Then, check your text messages or email for your next steps.



Step 2. Apply for College Admission

If you are planning to take a credit bearing class, please complete the [Peralta Admissions Application](#).

Cost: It's FREE for current high school students. Tuition will be charged for graduating seniors.

Returning Students: If you've missed a semester or more, you must submit a new application.



Step 3. Register for Classes

Once your **application is approved**, we will send you a registration directions via email or text. Follow that link to officially sign up for your summer courses.

Need Help?

Contact your high school **Peralta Summer Institute Coordinator** for enrollment support.

For general questions email:
peraltainstitute coordinator@gmail.com

Join Our Community!



PERALTA SUMMER INSTITUTE 2026

6 Weeks Free Program
June 22 - July 31



Discover Your Future with Peralta Colleges!

PERALTA SUMMER INSTITUTE

THE PERALTA SUMMER INSTITUTE is a 6-week early college summer program where you get to test-drive different careers. Instead of just sitting in a classroom, you'll dive into hands-on projects and fun activities to see what actually sparks your interest.

WHO? Incoming, Current and Graduating High School Students
*Success support provided by high school staff at participating high schools

WHEN? June 22 - July 30, 2026 (6 weeks)*
* Some Opportunities Start earlier.

WHAT? **Find Your Path This Summer: Your Future, Your Way**
Career Awareness: Just interested in low-pressure, hands-on learning fun? Try one of the Not-For-Credit or Non-Credit Workshops.

Career Exploration: Not sure what you want to do after high school graduation? Try taking an introductory credit-bearing course to experiment, build, create and do the types of projects that actual professionals do? Plus the credit can go on your high school transcript.

Career Preparation and Training: Ready to take the first step in a training for a career? Sign up for a 12th grade Bridge Program. You will be enrolled in one or more courses in a cohort and supported by program staff to prepare yourself to enter the industry, enroll in Fall classes and connect to employers for employment.

WHERE? At one of the 4 Peralta Community College District Colleges
- Berkeley City College - College of Alameda
- Laney College - Merritt College

TAKE TIME TO EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

The next few pages, provide an opportunity for you to check out career clusters. Careers are grouped together in industry sectors when they have some similarity and overlap. In each career cluster, you might see how your favorite school subjects and hobbies can turn into a future job. This helps you narrow down your selection for this summer by looking to see what workshops, courses or programs are connected to similar careers. Then you can find the career paths to Peralta College certificates and degrees that best suits your personality.



Connecting & Supporting Success

Digital Technology

Data Science & AI
IT Support & Services
Network Systems & Cybersecurity
Software Solutions
Unmanned Vehicle Technology
Web & Cloud

Management & Entrepreneurship

Business Information Management
Entrepreneurship & Small Business
Leadership & Operations
Project Management
Regulation

Marketing & Sales

Market Research, Analytics, & Ethics
Marketing & Advertising
Retail & Customer Experience
Strategic Sales

Do you enjoy solving tech puzzles, leading teams to success, or figuring out why people buy certain products?

If so, your curiosity and communication skills make you a great fit for careers in areas like software, business management, or marketing.

Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

Career Exploration:

- **Exploring Robotics** (Berkeley)
- **Financial Accounting** (Laney)
- **Intro to Computer Programming and Hack the Hood Program** (Laney)
- **Introduction to Information Systems Security** (Merritt)



Investing in the Future

Financial Services

Accounting
Banking & Credit
Financial Strategy & Investments
Insurance
Real Estate

Do you enjoy working with numbers, staying organized, and helping people plan for their future in areas like banking, real estate, or insurance?

If so, your curiosity about how businesses succeed and your strong communication skills make you a great fit, allowing you to explore careers in marketing, management, finance, or entrepreneurship while helping organizations grow and succeed.



Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

Career Exploration:

- **Real Estate Principals** (Merritt)



Caring for Communities

Education

Early Childhood Development
Education Administration & Leadership
Learner Support & Community Engagement
Teaching, Training, & Facilitation

Healthcare & Human Services

Behavioral & Mental Health
Biotechnology Research & Development
Community & Social Services
Health Data & Administration
Personal Care Services
Physical Health

Public Service & Safety

Emergency Response
Judicial Systems
Local, State, & Federal Services
Military & National Security
Public Safety

Do you have a “people-first” mindset and a goal to protect, heal, or advocate for others in your community?

If so, your desire to help people makes you a great fit for careers in healthcare, education, or public safety, where you can make a meaningful impact.

Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

Career Exploration:

- **Child Growth & Development** (Berkeley)
- **Emergency Medical Responder** (Merritt)

Career Preparation (12th grade Bridge):

- **Career & Life Planning** (Berkeley)



Cultivating Resources

Agriculture

Agribusiness
Agricultural Technology & Automation
Animal Systems
Food Science & Processing
Plant & Water Systems

Energy & Natural Resources

Clean & Alternative Energy
Conservation & Land Management
Ecological Research & Development
Environmental Protection
Resource Extraction
Utilities

Do you enjoy working with animals and nature, or are you passionate about protecting the environment and finding clean energy solutions?

If so, your interest in how the world functions and your desire to sustain our planet make you a great fit for careers in agriculture or natural resources. These fields are perfect for those who want to use high-tech tools to grow food, conserve land, or solve the world’s biggest energy challenges, while protecting ecosystems and promoting sustainable development globally.

Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

There are no classes offered specifically in the Peralta Summer Institute, but, please consider enrolling in other classes on your own this summer or in the school year.



Building & Moving

Advanced Manufacturing

Engineering
Industrial Machinery Production & Automation Robotics
Safety & Quality Assurance

Construction

Architecture & Civil Engineering
Construction Planning & Development
Equipment Operation & Maintenance
Skilled Trades

Supply Chain & Transportation

Air & Space Transportation
Ground & Rail Transportation
Maintenance & Repair
Marine Transportation
Planning & Logistics
Purchasing & Warehousing

Do you enjoy figuring out how machines work, designing 3D models, or building things from the ground up?

If so, your technical skills and eye for detail make you a great fit for careers in robotics, architecture, or high-tech construction, where you can design systems and build advanced structures effectively.

Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

Career Awareness:

- **Intro to Automotive & Diesel Mechanics Workshop** (Alameda)
- **FAB LAB (non-credit course)** (Alameda)

Career Preparation (12th grade Bridge):

- **Intro to Auto Tech** (Alameda)
- **Intro to the Skilled Trades/MC3 & Cross Fit** (Laney)
- **STEM Summer Bridge Program** (Laney)



Creating & Experiencing

Arts, Entertainment, & Design

Design & Digital Arts
Fashion & Interiors
Fine Arts
Lighting & Sound Technology
Media Production & Broadcasting
Performing Arts

Hospitality, Events, & Tourism

Accommodations
Conferences & Events
Culinary & Food Services
Travel & Leisure

Do you love bringing characters to life through movement, creating imaginative worlds or dreaming up your own interactive video games?

If you love being creative and working with technology, careers in game design and digital arts could be perfect for you. You’ll get to build cool virtual worlds, design unique characters, and make fun, exciting games that people everywhere can enjoy. This path also helps you learn important tools and turn your ideas into interactive digital adventures that others can play and explore.

Opportunities Available To You This Summer:

Career Exploration:

- **Intro to Game Design** (Berkeley)
- **Intro to 3D Digital Animation** (Berkeley)
- **Experimental Animation** (Berkeley)



BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE



MMAN 10 EXPERIMENTAL ANIMATION

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Days of Week: MON, TUES, WED
Time of Day - Classtime: 10 AM - 12:15 PM and
Lab: 1 PM -2:15 PM
Format: In-Person
Location: BCC - Rm 324
Units: 3 (Transferable to UC & CSU)
Recommended for grades 11th & 12th

This class explores alternative forms of traditional animation including: analysis and application of the techniques of claymation; stop-motion, paper cut-outs, puppets, color sand, mixed media, and set construction and sculpture; digital video manipulation.



MMAN 20A INTRO TO 3D DIGITAL ANIMATION

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Days of Week: TUES, THURS
Time of Day - Classtime: 6 PM-8:15 PM and
Lab: 8:30 PM -9:45 PM
* additional online lecture and lab hours required
Format: Online Synchronous
Location: Canvas Online Portal
Units: 3 (Transferable to UC & CSU)
Recommended for grades 11th & 12th

Intro to 3D Animation provides an Introduction to the theory, history and production techniques of 3D Animation: Pre-production through post-production and deliverables; considerations for game and other industries.



MMAN 40A INTRO TO GAME DESIGN

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Days of Week: MON, TUES, WED
Time of Day - Classtime: 5:30 PM - 7:45 PM and
Lab: 8 PM -9:15 PM
Format: Online Synchronous
Location: Canvas Online Portal
Units: 3 (Transferable to UC & CSU)
Recommended for grades 11th & 12th.

Go beyond being a player and start building the worlds you love to inhabit. This course pulls back the curtain on the “magic” of gaming, introducing you to the core principles of game theory and interactive design. You’ll explore the art of branching storytelling, where player choices actually matter, and learn how to use spatial reasoning to build immersive levels. By the time you’re done, you’ll be translating your biggest ideas into professional flowcharts, storyboards, and scripts, using industry-standard programming logic to turn a simple concept into a fully playable experience.



CIS 232 EXPLORING ROBOTICS

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Days of Week: MON, TUES, WED
Time of Day - Classtime: 9 AM - 9:50 PM
Lab: 10 AM -12:15 PM
Format: In-Person
Location: BCC -Rm 323
Units: 2
Open to all High School Students

Dive deep into the realms of computing, modeling, design, planning, and programming. Get ready for hands-on adventures as you bring robots to life, experimenting with motors and sensors to create thrilling projects. Don’t miss out on this exhilarating opportunity to unleash your creativity and discover the limitless possibilities of robotics!



CHDEV 51 CHILD GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Day of Week: MON
Time of Day - Lecture: 6:30 PM - 9:20 PM
* additional online lecture and lab hours required
Format: Online Synchronous
Location: Canvas Online Portal
Units: 3 (Transferable to UC & CSU)
Open to all High School Students

Progression of development in the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional domains: Developmental milestones for children from conception through adolescence with emphasis on interactions between biological processes and environmental factors; observation of children, evaluation of individual differences, and analysis of characteristics of development at various stages according to developmental theories.



12th Grade
Bridge Program



COUN 57 CAREER & LIFE PLANNING

* for Oakland Promise Bridge Program students only!

Dates: June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**
Days of Week: TBD
Time of Day - Classtime: TBD
Format: In-Person
Location: TBD
Units: 3 (Transferable to UC & CSU)

In-depth career and life planning: Self-exploration, identifying values, interests, needs and goals, development of skills for assuming careers and lifestyles over the life span, influence of career choice on the quality of life and the development of a career action plan. Designed to assist those students considering the transition of a career change or undecided about the selection of a college transfer major.



NOT FOR
CREDIT



INTRO TO AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL MECHANICS WORKSHOP

June 22 - July 14, 2026 **4-week workshop (July 3 no class)**

Days of the Week: MON, TUES, WED, THURS

Time of Day: 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Format: In-Person

Location: COA - Bldg. T Room 204

Open to all High School Students



Ignite your passion for automotive technology! Explore the fundamentals of vehicle mechanics, from engines to electrical systems, in a hands-on learning environment. Dive into diagnostics, maintenance, and repair techniques under the guidance of industry experts. Get ready to rev up your skills and drive toward a rewarding career in the automotive industry!

NON -
CREDIT



FAB LAB NON-CREDIT COURSE

June 22 - July 14, 2026 **4-week College Non-Credit Course**

Days of Week: MON , TUES, WED, THURS

Time of Day: 1 PM - 3:50 PM

Format: In-Person

Location: TBD

Open to all High School Students



Step into the world of innovation and creation with our Fab Lab Class! Explore cutting-edge technologies of 3D printing, laser cutting, and CNC machining in our state-of-the-art fabrication laboratory. Learn how to bring your ideas to life from prototypes to custom designs, under the guidance of skilled instructors. Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur, designer, or hobbyist, unleash your creativity and make your mark in the exciting realm of digital fabrication.



ATECH 22 | ATECH 22 Lab INTRO TO AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

***12th Grade Bridge Program with enrollment in Green Careers Guidance Initiative**

June 22 - July 30, 2026 **6-week College Course**

Days of the Week: MON, TUES, WED, THURS

Time of Day - Lecture Classtime: 10:15 AM - 12:25 PM and

Lab Classtime: 8 AM - 10 AM for reserved for GCGI and 12:30 PM - 2:40 PM for OUSD

Location: COA - Bldg T Room 104 lecture | Room T198 lab

Units: 4

*Priority to OUSD ECCCO and Green Careers Guidance Initiative 12th graders

Space is Limited to 30 spots

Learn how cars work from the ground up, including the construction and operation of engines, engine support systems, drive trains, and chassis. Gain practical experience with vehicle maintenance services and hands-on shop procedures, emphasizing safety and the proper use of tools, equipment, and manuals. Plus, learn the art of writing repair orders. Get ready to accelerate your knowledge and skills for the road after high school graduation. This is not a hobby class: strict attendance, safety and uniform standards. No Pass/Fail grades. There is homework and exams.





LANEY COLLEGE



CIS 6 INTRO to COMPUTER PROGRAM- MING & HACK THE HOOD

June 15 - July 30, 2026 *6-week College Course*

Days of the Week: MON, WED, THURS

Time of Day: Hack The Hood: 9:30 AM - 12 PM and

CIS 6: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Format: In-Person

Location: G273

Units: 5 (Transferable to UC & CSU)

Open to all High School Students

Whether you're brand new to coding or already have some experience, this program will help you build skills for the future. You'll learn python language to code, design algorithms, and debug while you get hands-on experience with real programming tools, connect with mentors and explore careers in tech.

Program Perks:

- Free Laptop & \$500 Stipend – Supporting accessibility to technology
- Technical & Socio-Technical Skill Building – Industry-aligned training and mentorship
- Career Exploration Panels, Workshops & Company Tours – Direct industry exposure
- Social-Technical Curriculum – Developing skills for ethical and impactful tech work.



BUS 1A FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

June 22 - July 30, 2026 *6-week College Course*

Days of the Week: Online Asynchronous

Time of Day: Online Asynchronous

Format: Online Asynchronous

Location: Canvas Portal

Units: 4 (Transferable to UC & CSU)

Open to all High School Students

Ever wonder how giant companies like Apple or Nike actually keep track of their billions? This course pulls back the curtain on the “language of business,” showing you how to measure success through income, revenue, and costs. You’ll learn the professional systems used to build financial statements and discover how to tell the story of a company’s health using real data. Whether you want to launch your own startup, manage a global brand, or just master your own money, financial accounting is the ultimate toolkit for understanding how the modern world actually works. Study of purposes, theory and specific methods of accounting: Systems and methods employed in accumulating data for financial statements: income measurement, including costs measurement, classification, and expiration: revenue recognition and measurement.



12th Grade Bridge Program



CARP 241A | SPFT 54A INTRO TO THE SKILLED TRADES /MC3 & CROSS FIT

** Construction Pre-Apprenticeship for 12th graders in Green Career Guidance Initiative!*

June 22 - July 30, 2026 *6-week College Course *Plus Other Required Events*

Days of the Week: MON, TUES, WED, THURS

Time of Day: 7 AM - 5 PM

Format: In-Person

Location: Laney College - G 160

Units: 3

Open to: Graduating Seniors

Stipends: \$\$\$ if students attend all events



Build a high-paying career from the ground up with this intensive Construction pre-apprenticeship program. This is a direct bridge from high school to the professional job site, offering a “tasting menu” of the most in-demand trades like carpentry, electrical work, and plumbing. You’ll experience the gold-standard MC3 curriculum, gaining hands-on experience in construction safety, professional blueprint reading, and essential building practices that top employers look for. This isn’t just a summer course - you’ll be enrolled in a cohort of graduates paired with a personalized Career Guide who will support your to create a clear path toward a Fall 2026 employment and continued enrollment in Laney construction classes to achieve certifications.

12th Grade Bridge Program



LANEY STEM SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

June 29th - Aug 6th, 2026 *6-week Summer Bridge*

Days of the Week: (MON, TUES, WED, THURS)

Time of Day: 10 AM - 3 PM, **Lunch:** 12 - 1PM *Lunch is Provided*

Format: In-Person

Location: G 205, G211, G240

Open to: Graduating seniors

Stipend: \$1,500 - 2,000* **if students have great attendance*



This six-week workshop is the beginning of an paid Engineering Degree Apprenticeship, but is open to high school graduates interested science, tech, engineering and math (STEM) careers. The summer is designed to strengthen math skills, introduce a variety of STEM careers, and prepare students for full college enrollment in the fall. The program serves two groups: Engineering and Computer Science students and other STEM students (such as pre-med, chemistry, biology, and physics). Completion can lead to paid employer internships, enrollment in an apprenticeship with coursework and part-time work. The summer program builds readiness through lab activities, hands-on projects and includes team-building with classmates and mentors. A [secondary application](#) is required.



Open to all High School Students

Ever wonder how major apps stay safe from hackers or how digital forensic investigators track down cyber threats? This course dives into the high-stakes world of cybersecurity, teaching you the fundamental principles of protecting hardware, software, and global communications. You'll get hands-on experience in the lab, exploring the real-world policies and defense strategies used by organizations to manage risk and stop data breaches. Whether you're interested in a career as a "white hat" hacker or just want to master the technology that keeps our digital lives private, this is your entry point into a fast-paced and essential industry. The course will be a balanced mix of lecture and hands-on lab training. Earn credit toward information technology and security certifications.



Open to all High School Students

Unlock the door to California's dynamic property market by mastering the essential laws and professional "language" used by top real estate agents. This course provides a high-level introduction to the industry, covering everything from property ownership and titles to the complex contracts and financing that make every deal possible. You'll gain the critical background and terminology needed for advanced study, making it the perfect first step for students aiming to obtain their California Real Estate Salesperson License. Whether you want to flip houses, manage large estates, or help families find their dream homes, this course builds the legal and ethical foundation you need to succeed.



Open to all High School Students

Step into the fast-paced world of emergency medicine and learn how to save lives before the ambulance even arrives. This course provides high school students with hands-on training in critical skills like CPR, patient assessment, and trauma care for everything from sports injuries to emergency childbirth. You'll explore the "tools of the trade" in the lab—learning how to stabilize fractures, manage airways, and safely move patients—while exploring the legal and ethical side of being a first responder. It is the perfect starting point for anyone dreaming of a career as a firefighter, paramedic, or doctor, giving you the confidence to stay calm and take action in a crisis.



PERALTA CAMPUS ADDRESSES:

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE

2050 Center St, Berkeley, CA



LANEY COLLEGE

900 Fallon St, Oakland, CA



COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

555 Ralph Appezato Memorial Pkwy, Alameda, CA



MERRITT COLLEGE

12500 Campus Dr, Oakland, CA



List Of Classes Offered At Different Campuses

BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE

CIS 232 Exploring Robotics
MMAN 10 Experimental Animation
MMAN 20A Introduction to 3D Animation
MMAN 40A Introduction to Game Design
CHDEV 51 Child Growth & Development
12 Grade Bridge Program
COUN 57 Career & Life Planning

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

FAB LAB WORKSHOP (Not For Credit)
Intro to Automotive & Diesel Mechanics Workshop (Not For Credit)
12 Grade Bridge Program
ATECH 22 Intro to Automotive Technology Lecture & Lab

LANEY COLLEGE

BUS 1A Financial Accounting
12 Grade Bridge Program
HACK THE HOOD PROGRAM paired with **CIS 6**
CAPR 251A| SPFT 54A Intro to the Skilled Trades/MC3 (paired with **CROSS FIT**)
LANEY STEM SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

MERRITT COLLEGE

CIS 71 Introduction to Information Systems Security
RE 2A Real Estate Principals
EMT 230 Emergency Medical Responder